

# ST MARGARET CLITHEROW ROMAN CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

We write to you today regarding the level of concern surrounding the current Coronavirus outbreak. We have updated you on provisions already in place at school level to ensure our school community is kept safe. Whilst we hope more serious measures are not required, we are writing to you to explain what we would do in the instance of a required school closure or a significant outbreak of cases within our school community.

As you should be aware, children have been asked to wash their hands as soon as they arrive in school and at various times throughout the day. They also have access to hand sanitisers in their classrooms and toilets. Any visitors to our school have been asked to use hand sanitisers and our hand washing facilities have been made available to them.

We continue to follow the advice of Public Health England, Public Health Herts, the Department for Education and Hertfordshire County Council in relation to any measures that we should be taking. We will also follow their advice and guidance if we are informed of a confirmed case of Coronavirus in our school community.

Latest NHS and Department for Education advice states that if you have a new continuous cough OR a high temperature (37.8 degrees or higher) you should stay at home for seven days. Please continue to inform the school office of any absence.

Our Governing Body will be gathering next week for an extraordinary meeting to discuss current measures and continued contingency planning. Non-essential school events will be considered on a case by case basis and I apologise now if this causes you any inconvenience or disappointment.

The school would only be closed on the direction of Public Health England or the Government. Any communication regarding school closure would always be sent to you via parentmail, twitter and placed on the school website. Please continue to check your parentmails regularly.

Teachers have been asked to prepare some home learning tasks that children could complete if we are asked to close. These tasks will be sent to you via parentmail after closure. Our [admin@clitherow.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@clitherow.herts.sch.uk) account will be monitored throughout any closure.

We would like to thank our entire school community for the continued support during this challenging time. Our children have been incredibly mature and patient throughout the recent weeks. We are truly proud of them all!

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions.

God Bless

Carmela Puccio  
Headteacher

Sally Curtis  
Chair of Governors



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At St Margaret Clitherow School we are committed to Safeguarding Children